



# MNPD NEWSLINE

THE OFFICIAL EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER OF THE MNPD

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## *News from the Chief*

This has been an absolutely tremendous week for law enforcement and the citizens of Tennessee!

For the first time in a decade, our state lawmakers have voted to significantly strengthen the criminal code and appropriate millions of dollars to keep the most persistent and dangerous felons in prison longer. The so-called "Crooks with Guns" bill was approved by the state senate Monday afternoon. It was adopted in the state house after 10 p.m. Monday night. I anticipate that Governor Bredesen will have a ceremony to sign the legislation in the coming days.

When "Crooks with Guns" was first introduced in February of this year, there was no funding identified to support it, and the subsequent fiscal note (the cost of enactment) hovered around \$60 million. Admittedly, the bill that has now passed is not all that we asked for. However, we now have \$24 million new dollars to keep crooks with guns in prison longer and away from our citizens and officers.

This new law does a number of important things:

- It will now be a felony to possess a firearm while committing or attempting to commit a dangerous felony;
- It will now be a felony to possess a firearm while fleeing or escaping from the commission of, or the attempted commission of, a dangerous felony;
- Mandatory minimum sentences for violations range from 3 years to 10 years, depending on the defendant's record. These sentences are not eligible for pretrial diversion, probation, community correction or any other form of supervised/unsupervised release. They also must be served consecutively to sentences for any other offenses.
- Persons convicted under the new law are not eligible for parole until they have served at least 85% of the minimum mandatory sentences.
- "Dangerous felony" includes most violent crimes against persons. Also included are the crimes of aggravated burglary and especially aggravated burglary, and felonies involving the sale, manufacture, distribution, and possession to distribute controlled substances.

- Addresses recidivism by providing that persons who commit the crime of aggravated robbery after January 1, 2008 must serve at least 85% of their sentences if the defendants have at least one prior conviction for aggravated robbery.

This significant legislation is becoming law thanks in no small part to the men and women of this police department who have steadfastly increased their efforts to hold criminals accountable for victimizing Nashville's families and visitors. Our lawmakers took notice! I also thank our commanders, community coordinating sergeants, and the staff of the Strategic Development Division for putting in front of our community the incredible data we have uncovered about repeat offenders and their impact on our city's criminal justice system.

Thanks also go to the many members of the house and senate who rallied around this bill and appropriated the money to make it law. While I want to be careful to mention names when so many have helped, you should know that Senator Mark Norris and Representative John Deberry worked tirelessly to get this bill passed. House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh and Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey both pledged to me their support of this legislation in February and they came through in the end. Nashville State Representatives Rob Briley and Janis Sontany also worked extremely hard on our behalf.

It is also important to express our gratitude to Governor Bredesen and his staff. To find funding for programs such as these is always a challenge, particularly when, in February, there were zero dollars identified for this bill. The governor's office weighed in and identified the \$24 million dollars required to fund the legislation. What we have today is \$24 million that was not in place at this time last week to hold the most dangerous criminals accountable, to require them to do hard time, day for day.

The Public Safety Coalition, made up of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, the Tennessee Sheriff's Association, and the Conference of District Attorneys General tirelessly lobbied for this legislation. Of special note, District Attorney General Torry Johnson was the prime author of the original Crooks with Guns bill that was filed at the first of the year. Credit also goes to Maggi Duncan of the Chief's Association for her relentless pursuit of this agenda. This week was particularly good and encouraging. A positive step has been made to make Nashville and Tennessee significantly safer. Let's use these new laws, under the banner of "Crooks with Guns," to continue our progress.

Thank you very much for your continuing excellence and incredible work!

## **Happenings**

Recent promotions include Lieutenant Michelle Coon, a 16-year police department veteran who most recently served as a sergeant at the Training Academy. She now commands the West Precinct's day shift.

New Sergeant Scott Carter is a nine-year police department veteran who most recently served as a detective at the Central Precinct. He will now be a supervisor on the South Precinct's afternoon shift.

New Sergeant Wayne Skinner is a five-year police department veteran who most recently served as a detective at the South Precinct. He will now be a supervisor on the East Precinct's midnight shift.



**Pictured (l-r) are Chief Serpas, Lt. Coon, Sgt. Skinner, and Sgt. Carter**

Detective Michael Donaldson today was presented with a commendation by Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge My Harrison for his work on a Mexican mafia case.

Quarterly Police, Patrol, and Investigator of the Month Awards were presented June 8. Honorees included Officers Charles Linville and Warren Fleak who were able to lift fingerprints from a vehicle which were used to identify three suspects in a series of armed robberies that targeted Chinese-owned businesses.



**Pictured (l-r) are Officer Charles Linville, Chief Serpas, and Officer Warren Fleak.**

You are invited to participate in the **Morning Star Sanctuary Golf Classic** Thursday, July 12, at the Hermitage Golf Course General's Retreat. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Morning Star Sanctuary and Officer Danita Marsh. Please join hosts Chief Serpas and Sheriff Hall in the effort to raise money to continue to serve those who are victims of domestic violence.

Celebrity guests include WSIX morning radio legend Gerry House. Sign up your foursome by June 30 and experience Tennessee golf at its finest. You'll be treated to fabulous player's gifts, food, beverages, and an awards presentation.

Register by opening the Morning Star Golf Classic Adobe attachment on this newsletter e-mail. Print out the registration page and send the completed form to Tournament Chairman Mike Eller's attention at Morning Star Sanctuary Golf Tournament, 3939 Old Hickory Boulevard, Old Hickory, Tennessee, 37138.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the tournament e-mail Sheri Burnette at North Precinct.

Hope to see you there!

The department recognized thirteen Crisis Negotiators this month who have completed 100-plus hours of training. The Crisis Negotiator Team will work closely with SWAT on a wide range of emergencies including barricaded suspects, hostage takers, and armed suicidal persons.

The Crisis Negotiator Team's focus is on saving lives by providing valuable assistance in reducing violent acts against innocent victims, and in assisting people who are suffering from depression, mental illness, or have lost the ability to process a traumatic moment in their life.

**Crisis Negotiators:**

Officer Harold Wells  
Officer Edward Escamilla  
Officer Joshua Mayo  
Sergeant Jason Pierpont  
Officer Lewis Lawrence  
Officer Edward Coleman  
Officer Burl Johnson  
Sergeant Jeffery Phillips  
Officer Christopher Lake  
Detective Joe Williams  
Officer Candace Jones  
Officer Angela Page

On June 4, representatives of the police department's Identification Division traveled to Washington, D.C. to accept a Laureate's medal at the Computer World magazine Honors Program.

Established in 1988, the Honors Program brings together the principals of the world's foremost information technology companies to recognize and document the achievements of organizations around the world, whose applications of information technology promote positive social, economic, and educational change.

The ID Division was honored for its achievements in utilizing AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) technology to improve the department's crime-solving productivity. The NEC Corp America AFIS system stands out thanks to the program written by the MNPd IT section that allows for the AFIS to store EVERY print card of an arrestee in Archives. This allows the AFIS system to not only select the best prints of an arrestee, but also allows us to store every fingerprint card taken on an arrestee which eliminates any court challenges to the validity of the fingerprint card.



This feature distinguishes our system from many others and also gives us better capabilities than many of our peers.

Laureates' achievements were recognized at two distinct events. During the Laureate Medal Ceremony, case studies are formally inducted into the program's International Archives, and honorees are presented with a medallion inscribed with the program's mission, "A Search for New Heroes." Later that day, Laureates join members of the Chairmen's Committee and other industry luminaries for the Gala Awards evening. Both events took place at the Andrew Mellon Auditorium in downtown Washington D.C.



**The Identification Division presents Chief Serpas with the Laureate's medal. Pictured (l-r) are Captain Ben Dicke, Lt. Dorise Polk, Chief Serpas, and Julia Hooper.**

## **The Precinct News**

### **Hermitage**

Officers arrested two robbery suspects at an apartment on J.C. Napier Court and seized two handguns.

As officers attempted to serve two outstanding warrants to a robbery suspect at the residence, they could see people inside peeking out the apartment windows, but who would not respond to officers' commands to open the door.

Officers set up a perimeter around the residence and continued to encourage someone to open the door. Thirty minutes later, the suspect walked outside, but the door was quickly shut and locked behind him. Officers entered the apartment and located the second robbery suspect hiding beneath a bed.

Seized in a subsequent consent search were 86 grams of marijuana packaged for resale, two sets of digital scales, and two handguns.

Officer Sheba Cantrell conducted a traffic stop on a Ford Focus because the license plate belonged on a pickup truck. Officer Cantrell learned the driver had a suspended license. She also detected a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle.

Seized in a subsequent search were 113.8 grams of marijuana found under the passenger seat. The suspect was charged with felony marijuana possession and driving on a suspended license. He has several prior charges for driving on a suspended license.

## **South**

A routine traffic stop by South Flex Officer Jason Mayo led to additional drug counts being placed against a woman who was free on bond from drug charges resulting from the Brooks Pharmacy investigation.

Helen Michelle Weathers, 33, of Hitching Post Lane, was booked on three counts of drug possession for resale and one count of drug possession without a prescription. A co-defendant, Jason Brian Ball, 29, of Old Hickory Boulevard in Brentwood, was charged with three counts of drug possession for resale and two counts of drug possession without a prescription.

At 9:30 p.m. Officer Mayo stopped Ball's 2001 BMW on Antioch Pike because part of the license plate was covered with paper. Ball did not have a valid license, but Weathers, his passenger, did. Mayo asked Ball if he had anything illegal in the car. Ball said that he didn't and consented to let Mayo check the vehicle. Weathers also consented to allow Mayo to check her purse.

Under the driver's seat, Mayo found a blue unmarked pill bottle containing hydrocodone, Xanax and other pills. Inside Weathers' purse, Mayo found pill bottles containing Xanax, oxycodone and other drugs. Between the two, approximately 400 pills were seized. Weathers also had social security and credit cards in the names of others inside her purse, as well as prescription labels in the names of others that had been peeled off pill bottles.

Weathers, who worked at Brooks Pharmacy, was arrested on January 31 and charged with one felony count of obtaining drugs by fraud for filling a prescription for the painkiller Lortab under another woman's name and slipping the bottle of pills into her purse. On January 20, Metro narcotics detectives and TBI agents arrested Weathers after she was caught leaving Brooks Pharmacy with more than 800 hydrocodone pills stashed in a portable cooler. She was charged then with possession of narcotics for resale.

The four men arrested for Wednesday's murder of ATM customer Herbert Clayton, Jr. are now being held in the Metro Jail in lieu of \$750,000 bond each.

Charged in Nashville with criminal homicide are Christopher Lee Davis, 19, James E. Phillips, 21, Michael Miller, 20, all of 1100 Wynnewood Drive in Castilion Springs, Tennessee, and Marcus L. Bradford, 18, of 3037 Fieldstone Drive in Antioch.

Detectives believe that Davis was the shooter. The semi-automatic pistol believed to have been used to kill Clayton has been recovered.

Late Tuesday night, the suspects are believed to have taken part in the kidnapping of a man in Trousdale County. That victim was able to free himself and report what occurred to authorities. The suspects are then alleged to have driven to Nashville and killed Clayton as he used the ATM next to the Bank of America branch at 2669 Murfreesboro Pike.

On Wednesday evening, Trousdale and Sumner County Sheriff's deputies recovered the kidnapping victim's car off State Highway 25. That car ultimately led those investigators to the four suspects and the home in Castilion Springs.

"Four very dangerous men are now behind bars thanks to the tremendous teamwork of the sheriff's offices in Trousdale and Sumner Counties, and our South Precinct detectives," Chief Ronal Serpas said. "We all believe that these men would have victimized other innocent persons had they not been caught."

Davis, at age 17, was charged with criminal homicide on June 12, 2005, for that day's shooting death of Derek Taylor on Olivia Drive in Antioch. The case against Davis was transferred from Juvenile to Criminal Court. He remained in custody until February 28, 2007, when the case was dismissed due to lack of witness cooperation.

## **East**

Outstanding police work by East Precinct Officer Mickey Yentes has landed three robbery suspects behind bars.

Ex-con Maurice Boyd, 36, of Clarksville Pike, Brandon Black, 23, of Hendersonville, and Lisa Fox, 43, homeless, are charged with aggravated robbery.

The victim flagged down Officer Yentes at 1801 Dickerson Pike and told him he had just been robbed by two men. He had purchased six cartons of Newport cigarettes at a convenience store and was walking through the Krystal parking lot at 100 West Trinity Lane at 11:30 p.m. when the suspects pointed a gun at him and told him to drop the cigarettes and run. The victim complied.

Officer Yentes soon spotted the suspects walking on West Trinity Lane at Brick Church Pike. They were accompanied by Fox. She was carrying a bag containing several cartons of Newport cigarettes.

As Officer Yentes approached the suspects, Boyd began to pull a handgun from his waistband, but he dropped the weapon after Officer Yentes ordered him to do so. All three suspects were taken into custody.



When Fox was told she was going to jail, she said she wished Boyd and Black had shot the victim.

In addition to aggravated robbery, Boyd is charged with unlawful possession of a weapon, and is being held in lieu of \$515,000 dollars bond. Black is being held in lieu of \$300,000 dollars bond, and Fox is being held in lieu of 276,000 dollars bond.

Officer Marty Reed conducted a traffic stop because a vehicle's right brake light was out. The driver, a convicted felon, did not have a license. Seized in a consent search of the vehicle were drug scales and a loaded .45 caliber pistol. The driver admitted the weapon was his. He was charged with felon in possession of a weapon, unlawful use of drug paraphernalia, and driving on a suspended license.

An attempted traffic stop in East Nashville resulted in the arrest of a parole violator and the recovery of a pistol.

East Precinct Officer Melissa Schultz attempted to pull over Paul D. McGill, 28, because the license plate didn't belong on the car. He refused to stop, and a short pursuit ended when McGill crashed into a fence in front of his girlfriend's home on Brunswick Drive. He bailed from the car and ran inside her residence. McGill was found hiding inside a closet. A handgun and drug paraphernalia were found in the closet's drop ceiling.

McGill, a registered ex-con, was served with an outstanding parole violation warrant. Further investigation found the car McGill had been driving was stolen. He is charged with reckless endangerment with a deadly weapon (motor vehicle), theft of property, felony evading arrest, leaving the scene of an accident, and driving without a license.

A man with eight felony warrants for his arrest from a 2006 robbery was stopped on South 7<sup>th</sup> Street at Sylvan Street for not wearing a seat belt. In addition to being arrested on the outstanding warrants he was charged with possession of marijuana and driving on a cancelled license. His passenger fled from officers but was captured after a brief foot chase. Officers found a loaded pistol nearby and charged him with unlawful possession of a weapon, evading arrest, and unlawful possession of marijuana.

A quick response to a burglary alarm led to the arrest of an 11-year-old burglary suspect. Officer Po Cheng's alert actions led to the recovery of several items that had been stolen from the home. Detectives interviewed the suspect who was transported to Juvenile Detention.

## **North**

Alert action led to the arrest of a convicted felon suspected of driving under the influence while in possession of drugs and guns. Officer Charles Taylor responded to a complaint that the driver of a white van was weaving in and out of traffic on Interstate 65. Officer Taylor

stopped the van on Old Hickory Boulevard and likely prevented serious harm from coming to other motorists.

A search of the van led to the seizure of 44 grams of marijuana packaged for resale, 18 Lortab pills, 38 Valium pills, a .45 caliber pistol, and a rifle. The driver was charged with DUI, felon in possession of a weapon, and possession of a controlled substance for resale.

Officers stopped to investigate a man who was standing in the Wendy's parking lot on 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and learned he had an outstanding warrant for aggravated assault. The business has a no trespassing waiver on file. Further investigation uncovered the man's counterfeit DVD/CD manufacturing scheme.

Officers seized 497 DVDs / CDs, a DVD duplicator, DVD players, a power inverter, and \$1,200 cash. The equipment was installed in the vehicle in a concealed compartment for the manufacture of bogus DVDs/CDs onsite. The suspect was charged with criminal simulation, and criminal trespass. He was also served with the aggravated assault warrant.

Smart police work by Officer Robert Davenport led to the arrest of a man suspected in the theft of aluminum molds valued at \$10,000 dollars. Officer Davenport took the original theft report. He personally went to Metal Management Nashville on Linder Industrial Drive to give the manager his cell phone number and asked him to call if someone tried to sell the stolen aluminum.

The manager called Officer Davenport to report the suspect who was subsequently arrested as he tried to sell the stolen property. Further investigation by North Precinct detectives led to additional theft charges against the man.

A convicted felon faces drug and weapons charges after he was arrested during a traffic stop on West Trinity Lane at Monticello Drive. Officers called the K9 Unit to the scene and drugs were detected. Seized in a subsequent search of the car were digital scales with cocaine residue and a loaded handgun found under the front passenger seat. Charges include felon in possession of a weapon and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia.

## **West**

The actions of an alert, conscientious Green Hills business owner led to the arrest Thursday of three Memphis men, including a fugitive from justice, suspected of breaking into the Medicine Shop at 2134 Bandywood Drive.

A nearby business owner phoned police to report the break-in at 4:30 a.m. West Precinct officers quickly responded and located the suspect's vehicle leaving the area. Officers stopped the suspects on Woodmont Boulevard at Bowling Avenue and found burglary tools and property from the Medicine Shop inside the getaway vehicle.

Carnell Glass, 28, Willie Thomas, 30, and Marcus Walker, 36, are charged with theft of property, burglary, vandalism, and possession of burglary tools.

Glass and Thomas are being held in lieu of \$57,000 bond.

Walker was served with a fugitive from justice warrant from Mississippi for possession of burglary tools. Wilson's bond was set at \$335,000 dollars.

A suspected carjacker was taken off the streets when he was found trespassing at the Edgehill public housing development at 2 a.m.

Officer Mike Ryan arrested Kelvin McDuffie and charged with him with trespassing and felony cocaine possession.

McDuffie also had an outstanding felony warrant for carjacking from the South Precinct. McDuffie is being held in lieu of \$520,000 bond.

An investigation Thursday by West Precinct Officer Carey Adkerson led to the arrest of a man attempting to sell dozens of counterfeit CDs.

Tyrone Collins, 20, of Riverside Drive, is charged with felony criminal simulation and criminal impersonation.

Collins was selling the counterfeit CDs for \$5.00 dollars apiece at Exxon On the Run at 1401 Charlotte Avenue at 10:30 p.m. Officer Adkerson followed Collins to a maroon Cadillac where numerous counterfeit CDs were found in a notebook along with a corresponding list of primarily Rap and R & B artists including Tupac Shakur, Scarface, Eminem, and Stevie Wonder.

Seized were 103 counterfeit CDs valued at \$1,400 dollars.

## **Central**

The CMA Music Festival attracted a record crowd of over 191,000 visitors from all over the globe. Hundreds of hard-working, conscientious Metro Nashville Police Department officers and employees helped provide a safe and fun environment throughout the four-day downtown/riverfront event.

The Mounted Horse Patrol provided a welcoming visual as well as an excellent security resource. Officers also took the opportunity to educate visitors about the Park Smart initiative by placing flyers on vehicles that were unlocked or had valuables left in plain sight.

## **East Crime Suppression Unit**

The following letter is from a father whose daughter was arrested by East Crime Suppression Unit Detective Chad Holman. The heartfelt gratitude expressed in this letter clearly illustrates the immeasurable and often unnoticed difference police officers make on a daily basis.

Detective Holman,

Thank you for saving my daughter's life!

By arresting Michele it is quite probable that you saved her life. You have my sincere thanks. For whatever reason, I was not aware of the situation before her arrest. Your arrest of Michele showed me a side which was a surprise to me. Your arrest gave me the critical impetus to get heavily and immediately involved. Without your arrest of Michele, she was headed for death in my estimation.

If the drugs didn't kill her, I would have.

At first some of my involvement required, shall we say, a bit of coercion. Believe me when I say it was very confusing at first and definitely tough for us both. Michele lost her freedoms entirely at first and very slowly being earned back. She was locked away without expense to society. Most importantly she received the on-going counseling, non-chemical treatments, and coaching necessary to progress in the right direction.

Michele took the challenge to respond positively to overcome her addictions. Her many counselors tell me she is one of the real success stories. I firmly believe she is on the right path now. She seems to be choosing life instead of sadness, despair, and death.

Michele and I both fully know that progress must continue to keep those demons beat down. I believe she will succeed. She will be back in school this fall full-time majoring in Psychology. Her dream is now to become a licensed Psychologist to help others.

Thank you again for saving my daughter's life!

\*Michele's father also credits the **Mending Hearts** program for helping his daughter in her recovery. Mending Hearts is a non-profit residential drug and alcohol recovery center for women, with a particular focus on female ex-offenders and homeless and indigent women. Through coaching, group sessions, and mandatory 12-step meetings, the organization gives women in recovery a home while helping them overcome their backgrounds on the way to becoming productive and employable.

## **Domestic Violence Division**

Coordinated efforts between Domestic Violence Detective Jason Orsbon and SWAT members assigned to the Special Response Team led to the June 8 arrest of aggravated kidnapping suspect Ambrose Branch, 42, and the seizure of drugs and cash.

Branch was identified as a passenger in a vehicle at a gas station in LaVergne where he was taken into custody without incident at 10:15 p.m. He was in possession of 50 grams of cocaine, 16 Lortab pills, and \$1,600 cash.

Two nights before the arrest, a witness saw Branch get into his 23-year-old girlfriend's car in the Walgreens parking lot at 4001 Central Pike and physically assault her before he forcibly removed her from the driver's seat and drove away with the victim still inside. Police officers throughout the city worked for hours to locate the two. At 4:15 a.m. Branch told the victim to pull over on Old Hickory Boulevard. He got out of the car and told the woman to go clean herself up.

The victim drove to her grandparent's house in Wilson County. They called police and then transported her to Summit hospital where she was treated and released. Branch and the victim have a five-month-old child together.

Branch is charged with aggravated kidnapping and felony probation violation and faces additional drug charges in Murfreesboro.

## **Blue Notes**

### **Office of Professional Accountability**

by Mrs. Kennetha Sawyers

A lesser-known role of the Office of Professional Accountability is that of community outreach. Fostering understanding between the community and the department serves an important function in dispelling misinformation about citizen interactions with law enforcement officers. To fulfill this role, OPA utilizes non-traditional community outreach initiatives. These strategies have been favorably recognized by both the Police Executive Research Forum and the Simon Wiesenthal Museum for the Tools for Tolerance.

Recently, OPA staff made presentations at the NAACP-Act So Teen Conference and the Quad State Equal Employment Opportunity Conference. The NAACP-act So Teen Conference was held at the Preston Hotel. It featured African-American teenagers participating in academic competitions, theatrical presentations, debates teams, and vocal/musical competitions. In addition to this competitive agenda, participating teams rotated through numerous workshops designed to prepare them for the real world.

The workshops presented by OPA personnel were entitled "Driving While Black". They were designed to dispel community confusion about racial profiling, the mechanics of a traffic stop, the authority of officers during such encounters, and citizen behavior likely to be considered provocative. Participating teens were able to observe / participate in traffic stop role-playing exercises, and were instructed about the appropriate reaction to routine questions/directions likely to occur during such a stop. They were also instructed about behavior that could be considered unnecessarily provocative. The presentations were very well received, with numerous requests for similar presentations to be made in other community venues.

The Quad State EEOC conference was held at the Marriott Hotel. OPA personnel presented an overview of the eight hour Perspectives on Profiling /Biased Based Policing class, developed exclusively for MNPd through a grant from the Department of Justice. This training has been recognized by DOJ as a model program. The training includes an interactive video presentation designed to enhance judgment and decision-making on issues of ethics and bias. Conference participants gave the presentation high marks.

In July, 2007, OPA will be providing two Perspectives on Profiling /Biased Based Policing classes for officers and citizens. Anyone interested in participating can contact Kennetha Sawyers at 862-7322 for further information.



## **Background and Recruiting**

By Lt. Michele Donegan

The long awaited new recruitment brochure has arrived! We will be attending all roll calls to be sure everyone has one. If there is a specific unit that would like brochures please contact us at 862-7341.

The next civil service test date is June 30, 2007.

For the July class, we currently have eight hired and one returning pensioner. There are currently 30 additional candidates who are being considered for the July Police Officer Trainee class upon the completion and passing of their CVSA, Psychological, medical and approval from the Panel Review.



**Session 53 graduates June 26 at Madison Church of Christ**



Here is a high level review of what Police IT is working on with the inter-related ARMS (Advanced Record Management System), AFR (Automated Field Reporting), and MDC (Mobile Data Computer) projects. Look for more detailed information on all the various components that make up ARMS in future NewsLine articles over the coming months.

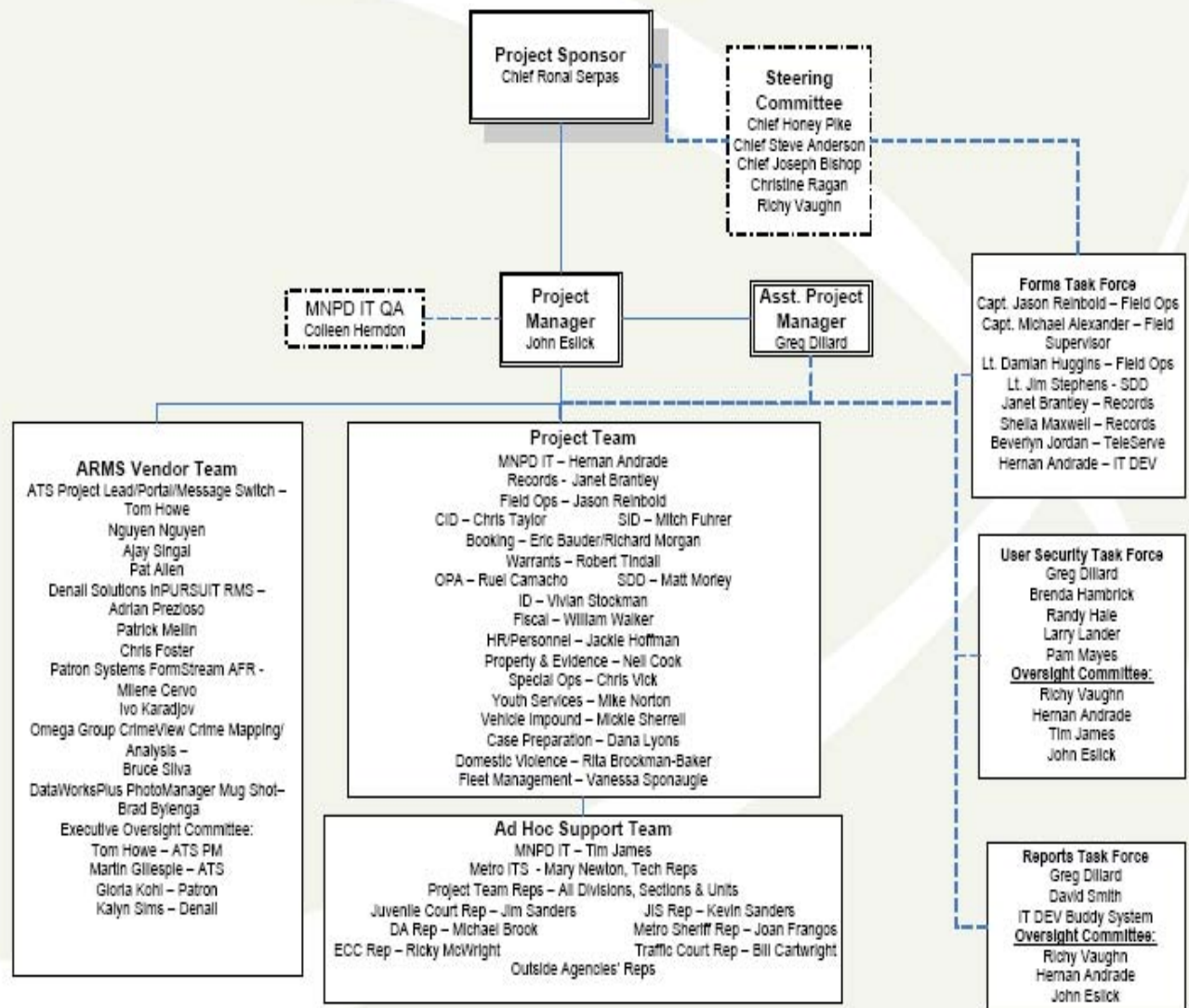
**ARMS Phase I Rollout** - In the February 2008 time frame, we will replace QTERM (mainframe computer) with the new ARMS system. ARMS will be a Portal that **all** users sign on to in order to get access to all MNPd systems depending on the users security access. Prior to this "GO LIVE", all 750 vehicles equipped with MDC's will have high speed cellular cards installed. All MDC's will have access to Officer Activity, Major Events, etc, as well as information currently available through PDWEB (i.e. General Orders, Forms, etc.). Prior to February 2008, several rounds of training will be provided to ALL MNPd users. Training will continue after Phase I of ARMS GO LIVE and be included in our annual In-Service Training curriculum as well.

**Automated Field Reporting: Phase II of ARMS Rollout** - After Police IT is confident of the stability of the system (after the February 2008 GO LIVE), we will immediately begin testing about 20 of the "power reports" that officers use in the field, including the Incident report, Arrest report, Accident report, etc. During this same time, we will be installing printers located in the arm rest as well as fingerprint and signature capture devices to accommodate all aspects of electronic or Automated Field Reporting. Our schedule at this time is late 2008 to have around 20 of the "power reports" tested, officers trained and begin issuing these reports in the field. These reports will have spell check capability. So when AFR is implemented, all Officers will have access to what they need both in their vehicle as well as at the Precinct.

Please keep in mind that this is the biggest change to any system MNPd has ever used. We are combining several disparate systems so MNPd users and our partner agencies will have a very integrated, comprehensive look at all our data. We have been very pleased with the input from all users involved in helping us design and test the ARMS system. Below is an ARMS Project Implementation Team "org chart" showing the various IT and Operational contacts who can address any specific questions you may have about ARMS.

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# ARMS Project Org Chart



## **Fiscal**

For Fiscal Year 2007: It is recommended that Officer's purchase items at Greene Military ASAP so Greene Military can submit invoices before the end of the Fiscal Year.

Note: When picking up items at Greene Military, sign the invoice once items are received and write your 8 digit business unit number on the invoice. If you don't know this number you may call your secretary or MNPD Finance Section for this information. Receipt of goods from Greene Military beyond June 30, 2007 will be the responsibility of the Officer's personal expense or charged to their Fiscal Year 2008 clothing allowance. The clothing allowance budget is based on \$400.00 per year which cannot be carried over to the next fiscal year which begins July 1, 2007.

For Fiscal Year 2008, there are two options for which you can utilize your clothing allowance budget of \$400.00: obtain payment through your payroll check (you will receive payment on July 22, 2007) or set-up an account with Greene Military.

If you would like to CHANGE how you receive your clothing allowance, please email Darlene Sanders before June 30, 2007.

## **Congratulations:**

Officer Jamie Underwood, North Precinct, is the proud parent of Francesca Marie, born may 30.



Officer Robert "Tomato" Barry, East Precinct, is retiring after 34 years of service.

**Condolences:**

Mr. Mallon Dobbins, Uncle of Officer Bobby Fitzgerald, Central Precinct, passed away May 27.

Mr. Buddie Denton, retired U.S. Navy Sea Bees, and brother of retired employee Faye Keen, passed away June 6.

Mrs. Ruth Marie Newton-Butler, mother of Officer Mike Butler, Warrants, passed away on June 6.

Mrs. Nell Harris, mother of retired Detective T.V. Harris, Auto Theft, passed away June 10.

Shirley Ruppert, the sister-in-law of Officer Jim Berryman, Fleet Management, passed away recently.

Mr. Brian Busch, step-father of Officer Kenneth Alexandrow, South Precinct, passed away recently.

**FYI:**

As Officer Danita Marsh continues to recover from her gunshot wounds, the 100 Club of Nashville has committed to help her regain some of life's basic choices by financing the purchase of accessible housing and a specially equipped vehicle. Persons wanting to make a tax deductible contribution to assist Officer Marsh are urged to make checks payable to the 100 Club of Nashville and include the Marsh name on the memo portion. One hundred percent of the money donated will go to the Marsh fund. Checks can be mailed to The Hundred Club of Nashville, P.O. Box 190428, Nashville, Tennessee, 37219-0428.